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### **Mary Hurley To Be Ordained Deacon By ANCC**

“We in the American National Catholic Church are overjoyed to celebrate with Mary Hurley her ordination to the diaconate in the ANCC,” says the Most Reverend George R. Lucey, FCM, Presiding Bishop.

“Over the past four years, Mary has diligently studied and participated in the life of the Church, developing a spirituality that will prepare her for a ministry of service as deacon. We are reminded in the prayer of ordination that Mary stands in a long line of holy women and men who have gone before her and who now join their prayers in support of her. We ask you to join us in our joy and prayers as Mary begins this new chapter of her life the Church.”

The ordinand was born in Brooklyn, NY, and few years later moved to Long Island and New Jersey. She credits her parents’ faith and Vatican II with great influence on her faith, she says, “a faith based in the real truth of the New Covenant: that we are to love God above all, and love one another as we are loved by God, no exceptions.”

The ANCC maintains an active development program for Enquirers and Seminarians; interested individuals should contact the above.

Mary Hurley will be ordained to the diaconate on April 27, 2024, 11 am at the cathedral parish of St. Francis of Assisi ANCC, located at 195 Ridgewood Ave, Glen Ridge, NJ 07028. All are welcome to join in this momentous occasion.

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